# FINDON
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*Learning for life*

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**DATES TO REMEMBER** | **TUESDAY, 17th December 2019**

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| **DECEMBER** | |
| 18 | LT1 Rabbit Hole |
| 18 | LT2 Celebration Day at School |
| 18 | LT3 La Trobe Sports Centre |
| 18 | LT4 Splash |
| 20 | Last Day Term 4 |
| **JANUARY 2020** | |
| 28 | Curriculum Day |
| 29 | Curriculum Day |
| 30 | Years 1 - 6 Return |
| **FEBRUARY** | |
| 6 | Foundation Students Start |
| 13 | Netbook Presentation Evening 5.30 - 7pm |
| 26 | Meet and Greet |
| **JUNE** | |
| 24 | Student Led Conferences |
| **AUGUST** | |
| 7 | Curriculum Day |
| **NOVEMBER** | |
| 2 | Curriculum Day |
| 3 | Melbourne Cup Day |

Well the 2019 school year is nearly done and this is our final newsletter for the year. All I can say is "where has the year gone?" I would like to sincerely thank the wonderful and dedicated staff of our school… for their dedication to your children's learning and the collaborative way they work together to create a safe, positive and supportive working and learning environment for every student. It is a pleasure for Linda and I to lead Findon Primary School, in partnership with our teachers and support staff. I would like to extend a special thank you to our fabulous Assistant Principal. Linda's strategic, motivating and untiring work contributes enormously to the standards we set for our great school and motivates us all to be the best we can be!

I would like to wish all our families well for the festive season and hope you have a safe and enjoyable Christmas with family and loved ones and look forward to seeing you all in 2020.

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS COMMUNITY NIGHT

What a fantastic night we had for our Community Christmas Carols last Wednesday Night? Congratulations and huge thanks to all our families, students and staff for their generosity of both time and donations for the Christmas Raffle and for making this such a successful night with a true community spirit!

**CONGRATULATIONS & WELL DONE to 1/ 2 FH & 3/ 4 LS for their ATTENDANCE & ON TIME AWARDS TERM 3 & 4.**

## THE VALUE OF OUR VOLUNTEERS

Our school conducted its annual Volunteers and Parent Helpers' Morning Tea last Wednesday to acknowledge the support these wonderful people give our school. People who are motivated to volunteer their time and energy do so for a variety of reasons. Motivation is generally an 'inside job' and volunteers strive to add value, to help others or to find a sense of fulfilment knowing their efforts are supporting members of their communities. Volunteering also provides benefits to both mental and physical wellbeing:

**Volunteering increases self-confidence.** Volunteering provides a healthy boost to self-confidence, self-esteem, and life satisfaction. When we are doing good for others and the community, our efforts provide us with a natural sense of accomplishment.

**Volunteering provides a sense of purpose.** Regardless of the organisation or the amount of time available, volunteering can provide new meaning and purpose in people's lives simply through helping others. Whatever your age or life situation, volunteering can help take your mind off your own worries, keep you mentally stimulated, and add more enjoyment to your life.

**Volunteering helps physical, emotional and mental health.** The activities involved in certain forms of volunteering can be good for health, as are the regular social interactions.

We also have a large number of parents who have helped around the school in classrooms, in our Kitchen Garden program, breakfast club, on excursions, in the library, as parent reps, on stalls, cooking sausages, on school council and the list goes on!. Thank you all for a wonderful 2019. Our school is indeed fortunate to have such a strong culture of teamwork where continuous improvement is valued and strived for. I look forward to a continued partnership and support in 2020.

## STAFFING NEWS 2020:

We welcome Louise Preece who will be joining Findon PS team in 2020. We also welcome back Isabelle Iliopoulos and Molly Cook who are both returning to Findon PS.

We Farewell Angela Truong, Jenny Wheatcroft, Hana Sabbagh and Briony Kellett who will not be returning to Findon PS in 2020.

| **Home rooms** | **Staff member** |
|---|---|
| Foundation | Natasha Snibson |
| Foundation | Mary Zaikis |
| Foundation | Silvana Jancevski |
| | |
| Year 1/2 | Tenielle Curtiss (Learning Specialist) Nicole Aiello (0.4) |
| Year 1/2 | Florence Haining |
| Year 1/2 | Chloe Gerada |
| Year 1/2 | Lina Liousas |
| Year 1/2 | Natasha Lazarov |
| | |
| Year 3/4 | Elizabeth Higham |
| Year 3/4 | Daniel Fromm |
| Year 3/4 | Mel O'Reilly (0.6) Molly Cook (0.4) |
| Year 3/4 | Louise Preece |
| Year 3/4 | Isabelle Iliopoulos |
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| Year 5/6 | Monica McHugh (Learning Specialist) |
| Year 5/6 | Laura Sansonetti (Learning Specialist) |
| Year 5/6 | Evelyne Murray |
| Year 5/6 | Andrew Stocker |
| Year 5/6 | Igor Koval |
| | |
| Visual Arts | Jenny Trajkovski |
| PA/Visual Arts | Nicole O'Connell |
| PE | Jonathon Brown |
| LOTE INDONESIAN F-2 | Annie Nainan |
| SAKG | Kath Jones |
| STUDENT WELFARE | Joanna Vellis |
| | |
| Assistant Principal | Linda Dimos |
| Principal | Paula Cosgrave |

## YEAR 6 GRADUATION

We farewelled our Year 6 Class of 2019 graduates in a formal ceremony at Grand Neret Reception on Monday 16th December. This is an auspicious occasion and a true celebration of seven years of learning and primary school journey for these students. Congratulations and best wishes from everyone here at Findon as you move onto the next chapter of your secondary school life. Remember that you don't have to follow the crowd. Just do the right thing, even if no one is looking. Study hard and remember that you're investing in yourself with every test you take and every book you read…and remember…

***"Be Yourself, everyone else is taken!"***

## BOOKBOX COLLECTION DAY WEDNESDAY 29th JANUARY 2020

Thank you to those families who have already paid their booklists and essential resources amounts for 2019. Just a reminder that in order for the children to have their requisites on the first day of term 2020, this needs to be paid by January 29th

## 2020 Term 1: THURSDAY 30th JANUARY

Year 1 – 6 Students commence on Thursday 30th January

Foundation students commence fulltime on Thursday 6th February.

## FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER LAST DAY OF TERM – 1.30 pm FINISHING TIME

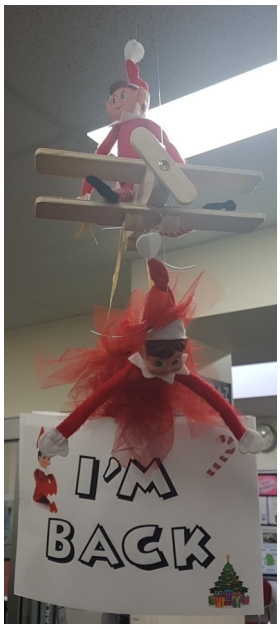
Our Whole School Assembly will commence at 12.30 where we will farewell our Graduation Year 6 Class of 2019. Due to the extreme weather predicted and a forecast of 41 degrees, on this day, we will be having our final assembly indoors.

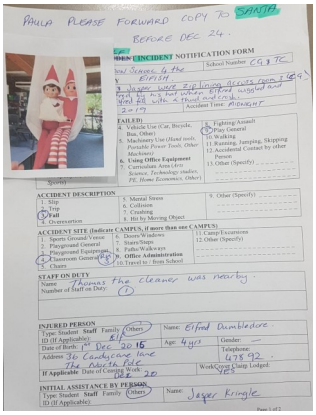
Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Paula Cosgrave*

*Principal*

# Elf Mischief





# MATHS PROBLEM

**Thank you to all the students who have entered the Maths Problem of the Week throughout 2019. In week 9, 16 students entered. Freeman had the most entries, with 7 students, followed by Strickland with 6 entries. Have a great holiday and we look forward to 2020.**

| Name | HG | Level | House | | Name | HG | Level | House |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Indy G. | NL | Junior | Cuthbert | | Harrison C. | HS | Middle | Freeman |
| Logan G. | DF | Middle | Cuthbert | | Arissa C. | TC | Junior | Freeman |
| Hugo P. | TC | Junior | Cuthbert | | Dev A. | FH | Junior | Strickland |
| Lena | NL | Junior | Freeman | | Bethany J. | DF | Middle | Strickland |
| Lilian B. | LS | Middle | Freeman | | Jeremy J. | TC | Junior | Strickland |
| Noah B. | TC | Junior | Freeman | | Aaron B. | NL | Middle | Strickland |
| Holly B. | FAT | Junior | Freeman | | Nathan H. | CG | Middle | Strickland |
| Sydney S. | TC | Junior | Freeman | | Xzarius | MZ | Middle | Strickland |

**House Points from Week 9**

| Cuthbert | **Freeman - WIN** | Roycroft | **Strickland** |
|---|---|---|---|
| 15 | 35 | 0 | 30 |

**THIS WEEK'S PROBLEMS**

| **Upper (4 to 6)** | **Middle (2 to 4)** | **Junior (P to 2)** |
|---|---|---|
| **Name:** | **Name:** | **Name:** |
| **House:** | **House:** | **House:** |
| **Home Group:** | **Home Group:** | **Home Group:** |
| An athletics team of 60 students takes 120 oranges on their day of competition. If 3/5 of the oranges are eaten on the day, how many are left?<br><br>If each student wants to share in the last 2/5 of oranges, how much of an orange will they get if they each get an equal share? | Steve Smith, an Australian batsman, faces 10 balls against New Zealand. He scores runs from every ball.<br>Here are his scores:<br>1, 2, 6, 4, 3, 2, 1, 1, 6, 4<br>How many runs did he score?<br><br>What score came up the most?<br><br>If he batted for another 5 balls, how many more runs would you expect him to score?<br>Answer: | Look on a calendar with mum and dad. What <u>days</u> to these dates fall on?<br><br>Christmas Day – Dec 25th:<br><br>New Year's Eve – Dec 31st:<br><br>Australia Day – January 26:<br><br>Back to School – January 30: |

Please submit your entries to the OFFICE by Thursday afternoon. Thank-you.

**<u>MATHLETICS</u>**

33 certificates were awarded to Findon students over the last two weeks.

Don't forget, to earn a certificate on Mathletics, you need to earn 1000 points between Monday and Sunday. Plus you can continue using Mathletics over the holidays.

Congratulations to our last two Gold Certificate recipients of 2019: Phoenix S. (LS) and Noah B. (TC).

**Certificate Class Leaderboard – TOP 6**: 5/6IK (251), 5/6EM (230), 1/2CG (122), 1/2TC (100), 1/2FH (94) 3/4HS (82). Best Foundation class – FEH (13).

**LOG ONTO MATHLETICS AT: www.mathletics.com.au**

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

| | | | |
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| F AT | **Koko-** For doing her best in her work | 3/4 DF | **Omar-** For doing his best to help others with their learning |
| F NS | **Hiya-** For doing her best to help around the class | 5/6 MS | **Abby-** For doing her best in graduation practise, and always smiling |
| F EH | **Aniya-** For doing her absolute best throughout the year | 5/6 EM | **Abigail-** For doing her best to focus and complete work on time |
| 1/2 TC | **Thomas-** For having a great year and doing his best | 5/6 IK | **James-** For having a great end of year, and doing his best |
| 1/2 FH | **Ethan-** For trying his best in the class room all year | 5/6 JW | **Johaan-** For making sure his work is at his best level |
| 1/2 CG | **Emma-** For being confident, and doing her best at carols | 5/6 AS | **Frensi-** For always doing his best in every part of school |
| 1/2 JB | **Abdallah-** For working hard and being a good helper | | |
| 1/2 NL | **Whole class of NL-** For doing their best at carols | Specialist Awards | |
| 3/4 MN | **Whole class of MN-** For doing there best to encourage each other | VA | **Jordon F-** For doing his best in Visual Arts and working hard |
| 3/4 HS | **Shia-** For doing her best in work and challenging herself | PA | **Khalid-** For working hard during graduation practises |
| 3/4 LS | **Sienna-** For doing her best in her work | PE | **Declan-** For putting his best effort into PE |
| 3/4 MZ | **Whole class of MZ-** For always doing their best | KG | **Shada-**For doing her best in the kitchen and being organised |

## Friday 20th December

## Assembly starts at 12.30pm

## Dismissal 1.30pm

# DARE
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Click the 'Add' icon beside the communication groups that apply to you.

**STEP 04** Get started
Click the 'Home' icon to view our recent posts.

For further information or assistance please visit our website www.flexibuzz.com or email us via support@flexibuzz.com.

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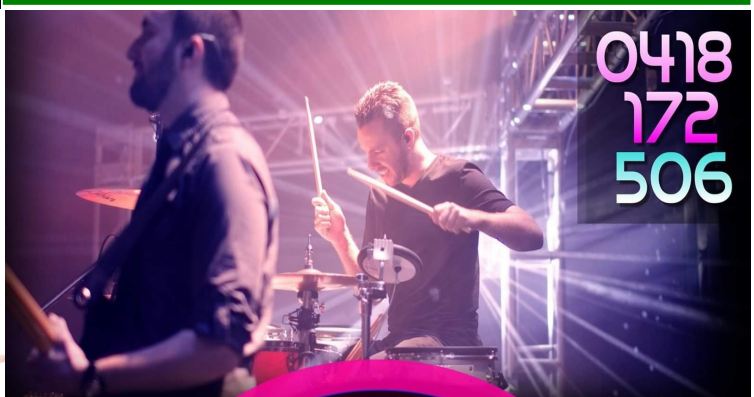

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# $25 PRIVATE LESSONS

## JAC MUSIC SCHOOL
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SINGING GUITAR BASS GUITAR ACOUSTIC
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